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1. POLICY

a. Safety and Health Policy:

NASA SSC is committed to the philosophy that safety and health program performance is dependent upon the pursuit of continuous improvement. It is for this reason that the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) is placed in high regard. Protection of our workforce and visitors remains our highest priority. Safety shall be both an individual and organizational responsibility for all who work at NASA Stennis Space Center. It shall be our charter to strive to achieve a Safety and Health program that prevents mishaps and meets or exceeds NASA, federal, and OSHA VPP requirements.

b. The Voluntary Protection Program (VPP) shall be established and utilized as the core foundation for NASA SSC safety and health program.

c. NASA SSC's written safety program shall be organized around the following elements of the Voluntary Protection Program (VPP):

1. Management Leadership.
2. Employee Involvement.
3. Worksite Analysis.
4. Hazard Prevention and Control.
5. Safety and Health Training.

2. APPLICABILITY

a. This directive applies to all NASA/SSC personnel.

b. This directive applies to contractors and construction contractors to the extent specified by their respective contracts.

3. AUTHORITY

- a. 29 U.S.C. 668, Section 19 of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970, as amended.
- b. 29 CFR 1960, Basic Program Elements for Federal Employee Occupational Safety and Health Programs and Related Matters.
- c. Executive Order 12196, Occupational Safety and Health Programs for Federal Employees, dated February 26, 1980, 3 CFR (1980 Compilation), as amended, 5 U.S.C. 7902 (note).
- d. NPR 8715.3, NASA General Safety Program Requirements.

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4. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

- a. SPR 8715.1, SSC Safety and Health Program Requirements.
- b. CSP 03-01-003, Voluntary Protection Programs (VPP): Policies and Procedures.

5. RESPONSIBILITY

- a. The Center Director shall be responsible to ensure the responsibilities described in SPR 8715.1, SSC Safety and Health Program Requirements are being managed and achieved to meet this Safety and Health policy.
- b. The Center Director shall delegate the NASA/SSC Office of Safety and Mission Assurance (S&MA) and Center Operations Directorate to work jointly to perform an Annual Safety and Health Evaluation in accordance with CSP-03-01-003.
- c. SSC Office of S&MA shall lead the Annual Safety and Health Evaluation and provide a summary report to the Center, Associate, and Deputy Directors.
- d. The Center Director shall approve the safety and health goals and communicate them to the organization along with other NASA SSC goals.

6. MEASUREMENT/VERIFICATION

- a. The primary method of measurement of the Health and Safety program shall be the Annual Safety and Health evaluation performed by the Office of S&MA and Center Operations Directorate. This evaluation shall:
 - 1. Determine the effectiveness of safety and health compliance of NASA SSC, its contractors and construction contractors through a review of their Health and Safety programs.
 - 2. Evaluate incident and inspection finding trends.
 - 3. Summarize safety opinion surveys results.
 - 4. Communicate achievements and accomplishments.
 - 5. Validate completion of the previous years' recommendations.
 - 6. Develop or modify goals, policies, and procedures to meet the requirements of this policy.

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7. CANCELLATION

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